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# STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

## IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2006

### A N A C T

#### RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- RETAIL SALE OF GASOLINE

Introduced By: Representatives Gallison, Moran, Kilmartin, Ucci, and Pacheco

Date Introduced: April 27, 2006

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 31-37-11 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-37 entitled "Retail  
2   Sale of Gasoline" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **31-37-11. Prices shown on pumps.** -- (a) Every retail dealer shall conspicuously display  
4   and maintain on each pump or other dispensing device from which motor fuel is sold by the  
5   dealer at least one sign and not more than two (2) signs stating the price per gallon and if the sale  
6   is by liter, the price per gallon and per liter of each and every motor fuel sold by the dealer from  
7   the pump or device. The sign or signs shall be of a size not larger than twenty-four inches (24")  
8   by forty-eight inches (48") and shall clearly and legibly state in numbers of uniform size the  
9   selling price or prices per gallon, and if the sale is by liter, the price or prices per gallon and per  
10   liter of such gasoline sold or offered for sale from the pump or other dispensing device.

11           (1) The amount of governmental tax to be collected in connection with the sale of the  
12   motor fuel shall be stated on the sign or signs separately and apart from the selling price or prices.

13           (2) All figures upon the signs, except fractions, shall be of the same size. Where  
14   fractions are used, the numerator and denominator of the fraction combined shall be of the same  
15   size as the whole number used on the sign, and the numerator and denominator shall be of equal  
16   size in relation to each other.

17           (3) All figures or numerals on each sign shall be at least two inches (2") high and all  
18   lines or marks used in the making of the figures or numerals shall be at least one-eighth inch  
19   (18") in width, and the over-all height of any figure or numeral, except the figure one, shall not be

1 greater than three (3) times the over-all width of the figure or numeral.

2 (4) Any figure or fraction used in any price computing mechanism, constituting a part of  
3 the pump or dispensing device, shall not be considered a sign under the provisions of this chapter.

4 (b) Any retail dealer operating a full-service and self-service pump, who fails to post the  
5 signs as required by this section, shall not charge more for full service than the price listed for  
6 self-service pumps.

7 (c) No retail dealer and/or operator of a filling station and/or peddler of gasoline shall  
8 post and/or collect an increase in price for gasoline and/or diesel fuel more than one time during  
9 any single twenty-four (24) hour period.

10 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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- 1           This act would prohibit gas stations from increasing gas prices more than once in a  
2   twenty-four (24) hour period.  
3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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